

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

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WESSELHOFT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIKE JOHANNS, in his official capacity as Secretary  
of Agriculture of the United States of America and  
his successors in such office, and the United States  
Department of Agriculture,

Defendants.

2007-CV-0031

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**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ANSWER TO  
FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT OUT OF TIME**

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Order Granting Defendants' Motion For Leave to File Answer to First Amended Complaint Out of Time  
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THIS MATTER came before the Court upon Defendants' Motion For Leave to File Answer to First Amended Complaint Out of Time (Docket No. 51). The time for filing a response has expired.

With due consideration to the policy favoring liberal allowance of amendments to pleadings, and in the absence of any opposition, the Court finds that Defendants' motion should be granted.

Accordingly, it is now hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Defendants' Motion For Leave to File Answer to First Amended Complaint Out of Time (Docket No. 51) is **GRANTED**.
2. Answer of Federal defendant to Amended Complaint (Docket No. 52) is accepted and **DEEMED FILED** as of the date of filing, August 14, 2008.

ENTER:

Dated: September 29, 2008

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GEORGE W. CANNON, JR.  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE